

SOUTH GATE - Working to improve commuting and safety in local communities, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) was in South Gate on Tuesday to present the city a check for \$2.95 million for local projects. These funds include \$100,000 to begin a School Resource Officer program, \$250,000 to purchase a clean-air natural-gas powered bus, and \$2.6 million to renovate Atlantic Avenue.

“Early last year I came to the South Gate City Council and asked what I could do in Washington to help with any local projects,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. “The federal funding I secured for the city will go a long way in ensuring safety for our schools, cleaner air and better transportation.”

The projects to be funded through TEA-LU (Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users) that passed earlier this year include:

- \$100,000 for the “School Resource Officer” program which will be used to hire a specially trained police officer who will be stationed full-time on a school campus. This has proven to be a very successful program in reducing youth and gang violence on and around school campuses in other cities.
- \$250,000 to create circulator bus system in South Gate to help seniors, students and others get around the city more easily. Although the city still needs to work out the details of the circulator bus, the allotment of federal funds will assist them greatly in getting the system started.
- \$2.6 million in federal funds to renovate Atlantic Avenue. The funds for the Atlantic Avenue renovation project are the largest allotment of federal transportation funds for any project in the 39th District.

“Part of the federal taxes that all of us pay are used for local community development projects, and I have made it my priority in Congress to bring home our fair share of those federal dollars,” said Sánchez. “I am very proud to present the city of South Gate these important funds that will help improve the city,” said Sánchez.